

December 11, 2012

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Paul Schwandt at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Paul Schwandt Absent:
Donald Peters
Eugene Henke
Margaret Whirry 5:35

Others Present: Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Duane Prachel, County Superintendent
Dan Sondalle, Corporation Counsel
Scott Fenendael, Energy Solution Partners

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

Motion/second (Peters/Henke) to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Minutes

Motion/second (Peters/Henke) to approve the Minutes of 11/5/12 with change to Adjournment, and to approve the Minutes of 11/13/12. Motion Carried.

Correspondence

Email from Chad Bojarski of Landmark regarding fuel.

Public Comments None

Appearances

Scott Fenendael of Energy Solution Partners appeared to discuss fuel.

Motion/second (Peters/Henke) to seat Whirry at 5:35 pm.

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/second (Whirry/Henke) to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$52,281.31. Motion Carried.

Discussion held on Ripon Truck invoicing. Peters recommends Brooks and Schwandt to see if Ripon Truck will discount the invoice for 3 hours of our time.

Commissioner's Report

County crews harnessed trucks and graders; adjusted manholes as needed; patching roadways; applied anti-ice; ditch work; bridge repair; finished placing snow fence on state and county; cutting trees and brush; rubber seal CTH AA; inventory; and culvert repair.

Anticipated activities include winter maintenance as needed; cutting trees and brush; and rubber seal.

Crash data consisted of 27 deer, 5 other/weather, and 3 county damage claims.

Committee discussed salt brine use.

DOT Request for Services None

Fuel

Scott Fenendael explained the basis and how the New York Mercantile affects the fuel pricing; explained historical data; and explained contract pricing of locking in or averaging for 2013. Discussion held *Motion/second (Henke/Whirry)* to continue with Energy Solutions Partners for our fuel needs and to lock in the price for the 2013 contract year. Motion Carried.

Use of County Grounds None

Right of Way, West Entrance to Fairgrounds-Bruce Knaub

Sondalle explained the Easement between Green Lake County and Bruce R Knaub and Carolyn J Knaub. Cost for easement was discussed

Motion/second (Schwandt/Peters) to charge \$375.00 for the Easement with recommendation to P&I Committee for approval. Motion Carried.

Department Staff Shortages

Brooks discussed changing the laborer/janitor position and discussed possibly seeking a full time general laborer position. Brooks will talk to Bostelmann.

Financial Reports

The Committee reviewed the Financial Reports and the Equipment Operation Analysis Report.

Railroad Consortium

Henke discussed a replacement of existing track from Markesan to Fairwater for next summer.

Training Asphalt Pavements Jan 7-8, 2013, Madison

Motion/second (Henke/Whirry) to approve Brooks attending the Training Asphalt Pavements in Madison on January 7th and 8th, 2013. Motion Carried.

34-2012 Resolution of Support for Second Consideration of the Constitutional Amendment to Protect the Transportation Fund

Motion/second (Whirry/Peters) to approve 34-2012 Resolution of Support for Second Consideration of the Constitutional Amendment to Protect the Transportation Fund and to recommend to County Board for approval. Motion Carried.

Committee Discussion

Brooks explained that we will now maintain a section of STH 23 per 2012 Routine Maintenance Agreement instead of Fond du Lac County.

Discussion held on the Public Hearing that will be held 1/3/13 regarding a conditional use permit for Gelhar. Highway should attend this meeting and emphasize a road agreement needs to be agreed upon prior to granting of the conditional use permit.

Committee was informed of Weight Limit training, preparing for spring thaw on January 28, 2013 at Steven's Point. Cost is \$65.00/person.

Purchasing items over \$1,000.00 was discussed

Code of Green Lake County regarding permits, Chapter 159 regarding driveway culverts, end walls, etc., was discussed.

Future Agend Items for action & discussion

Next Committee Meeting date will be January 8, 2013.

Closed Session

Motion/Second (Whirry/Peters) to convene in closed session per ss19.85(1)(c)(f) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; ss19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel for the governing body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; ss19385(1)(f) Medical History, disciplinary data, specific personnel problems. The closed session relates to employee evaluation(s), and medical history. Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Resume Open Session

Motion/Second (Whirry/Peters) to resume open session. Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Discussed In Closed Session Relating to employee evaluations, and Highway Commissioner Position

Motion/second (Whirry/ Henke) to approve the evaluation for Bob Jahn and Doug Nighbor laborers; Barry Mashuda, Grader; and Kevin Sternitske, Mechanic. Motion Carried.

Past and previous medical history was discussed.

Adjournment

Motion/second (Whirry/Peters) to adjourn 7:45 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence
Secretary